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Subject: Revised Building Codes

I am writing to provide comments on draft revisions to Chapter 5 of the City Code, "Buildings and Building Regulations."

Please consider the following comments:

1. I support adopting the latest editions (2009) of the International Codes and the 2008 National Electrical Code into the City's building codes.
2. I oppose the addition of "green" provisions through amendment, into the 2009 International Code. Specifically, I am opposed to the requirements provided in Division 5 - One and Two Family Dwelling Requirements, Section 5-334 Rockville Energy Efficient Homes Required.

Imposing the requirements in Section 5-334 go well beyond the function of local government. These requirements are not safety related. In addition, these requirements are neither inspectable or enforceable since no city permit is required. Although I personally support green initiatives, imposing such requirements as those in Table 5-334 goes well beyond what the City of Rockville is responsible for. Saving energy is something we should all strive to do but it is certainly none of Rockville's business whether its residents use energy efficient lighting or install energy efficient windows. What's next - imposing mileage requirements on the cars Rockville residents are allowed to buy?

I support the City of Rockville government, and believe the city is well run. However, the requirements of Section 5-334 are unreasonable.

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